

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-8 as shown below, in which deleted terms are shown with strikethrough, and added terms are shown with underscoring. Also, please add new claims 9-13 shown below.

1. (Currently amended) A vehicle ~~having~~ comprising:
a passenger compartment; ;
an engine arranged at a front end thereof; ; ~~and~~
a fuel tank arranged under a rear seat and the passenger compartment ~~comprising~~; ;
a canister; and
an exhaust pipe receiving exhaust gas from the engine and outputting the exhaust gas;
wherein the canister and the exhaust pipe are positioned in respective recessed
accommodating portions below the passenger compartment, and one of the respective recessed
accommodating portions is located between the fuel tank and the engine, ~~and below the~~
~~passenger compartment~~.
2. (Currently amended) A vehicle as set forth in Claim 1,
wherein the exhaust pipe ~~constitutes~~ includes an expansion chamber positioned in one
of said recessed accommodating portions.
3. (Currently amended) A vehicle as set forth in Claim ~~1~~ 2,
wherein the expansion chamber is arranged close to the canister by accommodating the

expansion chamber and the canister in at least one of said recessed accommodating portions, so that heat from the exhaust gas in the exhaust pipe is transferred to the canister.

4. (Currently amended) A vehicle as set forth in Claim 1,
wherein said recessed accommodating portions are located beneath at least one of ~~the~~ a first seat, ~~the~~ a second seat, and a space between the first and the second seat.
5. (Currently amended) A vehicle as set forth in Claim 4,
wherein said first seat is a driver's seat, and the second seat is ~~the~~ a front passenger's seat.
6. (Currently amended) A vehicle as set forth in Claim 4,
wherein the ~~canister and the exhaust pipe are accommodated in the two~~ recessed accommodating portions are located beneath the first and the second seat, respectively.
7. (Currently amended) A vehicle as set forth in Claim 4,
wherein the ~~canister and the exhaust pipe are accommodated in the two~~ recessed accommodating portions are located beneath the first seat and the space between the first and second seat, respectively.
8. A vehicle ~~as set forth in Claim 4,~~ comprising:
a passenger compartment ;
an engine arranged at a front end thereof;

a fuel tank arranged under a rear seat and the passenger compartment;
a canister; and
an exhaust pipe receiving exhaust gas from the engine and outputting the exhaust gas;
wherein both of the canister and the exhaust pipe are accommodated in one recessed
accommodating portion located beneath the first seat and the passenger compartment, and
between the fuel tank and the engine.

9. (New) A vehicle as set forth in Claim 1,

wherein said canister receives fuel from said fuel tank and supplies the fuel to the engine.

10. (New) A vehicle as set forth in Claim 8, wherein said canister receives fuel from said fuel
tank and supplies the fuel to the engine.

11. (New) A vehicle as set forth in claim 1, wherein said accommodating portions are formed
in a floor panel of the vehicle.

12. (New) A vehicle as set forth in claim 8, wherein said accommodating portion is formed in
a floor panel of the vehicle.

13. (New) A vehicle as set forth in Claim 8, wherein said recessed accommodating portion is
located beneath at least one of a first seat, a second seat, and a space between the first and the
second seat.